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Services Are Pending For
J. P. Meek, 85; Died Tues.

Services are pending at Wright
Funeral Home in Wheeler for J. P.
Meek. Mr. Meek died late Tuesday at
Amarillo.

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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

THIRD 'CASH' DRAWING IS SATURDAY

CWE CHAT
WITH
EDITOR
By Louis C. Stas

CONGRATULATIONS, James Chapman. James was named to the State AP Defensive Football Team. We are proud of you James.

—cwe—
The deadline for the 'Christmas Greeting' edition of the *Times* will be Friday, Dec. 21. If you have anything for this paper, please have it in to us by 5:00 tomorrow.

—cwe—
The paper will be in the mail Monday, December 24.

—cwe—
A report on the meeting of the Wheeler District Improvement Council Meeting was found on the desk Wednesday morning. Apparently it had been overlooked last week.

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Take note and contact a member if you have input. The removal of the lockers from the school sounds like a really good idea.

—cwe—
Remember, a subscription to *The Wheeler Times* makes an excellent gift. It's like a letter from home each week for the entire year.

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Wheeler Dist. Improve't Council Meeting Report

The Wheeler District Improvement Council Meeting met Thursday, December 6, 2001, in the Wheeler library.

Members present were Brooks Symank, Dale Pulpan, Doug Rives, Mike Smith, James Masters, Calvin Devereaux, Lisa McCasland, Bobby Hill, Mary Britt, Maria Lira, Blenda Masters, Cathy Burrell, Diana Johnson, Brenda Keys and Connie Symank. Members absent were Sharla Weaver, Carolyn Hefley and Betty Rives.

I. Mr. Rives gave a report on the progress being made toward selecting supplemental reading improvement program that fits all the needs of the students. There was also a discussion on what funding was available for this.

II. Dr. Smith gave a report on the benefits, safety, security, success and serenity of becoming a lockerless

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Deadline Is Fri. For Christmas Edition

Friday, December 21, 2001, is the deadline for getting anything in the December 24, 2001, issue of *The Wheeler Times*.

The *Times* will be placed in the mail on Monday morning, December 24.

Any articles, pictures and/or advertisements you wish to have placed in the paper must be in the office by 5:00 Friday.



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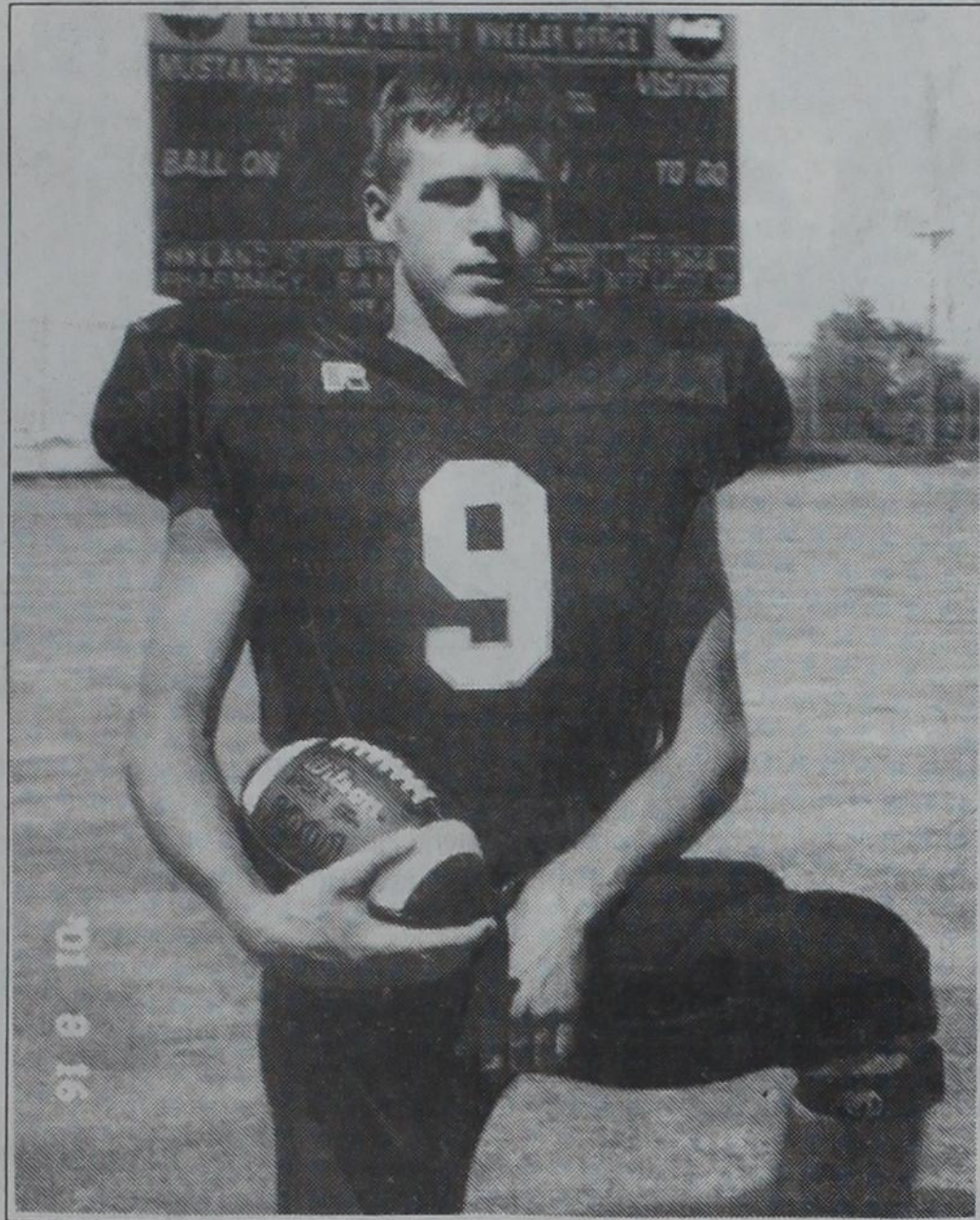
Raymond & Isabel Moore To Celebrate 65th Wedding Anniversary Dec. 30

Former longtime residents of the Kelton community, Raymond and Isabel Moore, are celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary with a reception in the library of Craig Methodist Retirement Center, 5500 W. 9th Ave., Amarillo, Texas.

The reception will be from 3:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. on Sunday, December 30th.

Hosts for the event are the children of the couple and their spouses: Garland and Rachel Moore of Kelton and Karen and Grant Meek of Wheeler.

Raymond Moore married the former Isabel Hunter on December 30, 1936, in Wheeler, Texas. They lived in the Kelton community where they farmed and ranched until they



PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Wheeler defensive back, James Chapman was named to the Associated Press 1A Defensive Players of the Year. The teams are selected by a poll of Texas sports writers. James played quarterback and defensive back for the Mustangs this year. A sophomore this year, he weighed in at 180 lbs. He is the son of Von and Sindy Chapman.

County 4-H'ers Exhibit At Perryton

Several Wheeler County 4-H members traveled to Perryton on Saturday, December 15, 2001 to compete in the Wheatheart of the Nation Lamb and Swine Show. This show was held in the Ochiltree County Expo Center and was sponsored by the Perryton FFA Boosters. The following are the results from the show.

Trenton Gaines, Wheeler - fine Wool Cross Champion Lamb and 1st place lightweight Medium Wool Lamb
Payton Austin, Wheeler - 3rd place Medium Wool Lamb
Tommy Meek - Ft. Elliott - 2nd place Southdown Lamb
Lauren Baird - Ft. Elliott - 4th place Medium Wool Lamb
Andrea Keelin - Ft. Elliott - 4th place

Medium Wool Lamb
Megan Keelin - Ft. Elliott - 4th place
Medium Wool Lamb
Steven McAlpine - Ft. Elliott - 5th place
Marissa Keelin - Ft. Elliott - 6th place
Medinn Wool Lamb
Brenton Goerend, Wheeler - 1st place
Duroc Hog
Shantell Meek, Ft. Elliott - 1st place
Chester Hog
Caleb Gains Wheeler - 3rd place
Hampshire Hog
Tommy Meek, Ft. Elliott - 6th place
Poland Hog
Michael Gaines, Wheeler; Gatlin Duncan and Hayden Duncan, Ft. Elliott also showed their hogs.
Congratulations to these livestock exhibitors for the outstanding preparation of their livestock for these shows.

Small Trees Available Through County SWCD

Winter is here and not many people are thinking about planting trees at this time of year. But in order to have these trees here by spring they have to be ordered now. The Wheeler Co. SWCD office is taking orders for windbreak trees and other shrubs such as lilac bushes and honeysuckle. These trees are reserved on a first come basis, so it is important to get your orders turned in early. The windbreak trees will be delivered in the later part of March.

We sent in the last orders for the pecan, fruit and shade trees in November. The fruit and shade trees arrived last week and the pecan trees will arrive late January.

We have a few extra shade and fruit trees available. If you are interested in purchasing any of these trees please contact our office at 826-3565 ext. 3. Below is a list of the trees that we have available.

- (4) Red Bud
- (4) Mimosa
- (4) Sycamore
- (1) Cherry (Bing)
- (2) Cherry (Black Tartarian)

These trees are 4 to 6 foot tall. The cost per tree is \$10.00. We also have available a tree mulch fabric that is used to put on the ground around the tree. This helps hold in moisture plus keeps weeds and grass from growing near the tree. This lets your tree have a lot better opportunity for the roots to get established plus helps eliminate maintenance around the tree. One of our offices did an experiment by planting some trees with the fabric mulch vs trees without the fabric. Their experiment showed that the trees with the fabric mulch out grew the other trees at an outstanding difference during the first several years. This fabric can be purchased at our office and for as little as \$1.50 per tree would give your trees a head start.

We will possibly have some extra pecan trees in January.

We appreciate everyone that has already placed orders. Should you need any additional information please give us a call.

Seventeen Individuals To Share \$400

The third of the \$1500 Chamber of Commerce Christmas drawings will be held Saturday, December 22, 2001. The first three drawings will be on Saturday and the final drawing will be on Christmas Eve.

The drawings will be at 2:30 P.M. Seventeen individuals will be called forward for the third drawing. The division of the money will be 10-\$10, 4-\$25, 2-\$50 and 1-\$100.

The annual Christmas Drawing will again be offered by the progressive merchants of Wheeler. Certificates will be given away during December totaling \$1500. The merchants of Wheeler feel this is one way they can thank you, their customers, for the support you have given them during the year and are giving you a chance

Margaret Trout Services Wed., Burial In Mobeetie

Margaret Trout, 92, died Monday, December 17, 2001.

Services were Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Carmichael-Whitely Funeral Director's Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Tom Stribling, pastor of Hunt Memorial United Methodist Church of Dumas, Dr. Darrell Monday, pastor of Central Baptist Church, and the Rev. Gary Jahnel, pastor of First United Methodist of Mobeetie, officiating. Burial was in Mobeetie Cemetery.

Mrs. Trout lived on a farm in Hemphill County until 1990, when she moved to Pampa. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Mobeetie.

Survivors include two daughters, Helen Mixon of Sudan and Mary Margaret Quarles of Pampa; five grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 972, Mobeetie, Texas 79061-9503 or Methodist Children's Home, 111 Herring Ave., Waco, TX 76708.

William 'Bill' Kelley, 76 Graveside Rites Tuesday

William (Bill) Kelley, 76, died Saturday, December 15, 2001, in Wheeler, Texas.

Graveside services were at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 18, 2001, in the Wheeler Cemetery, with Rev. Thacker Haynes, pastor of the First United Methodist church in McLean, officiating.

Burial was under the direction of Wright funeral home.

Mr. Kelley was born in Thackerville, Oklahoma, on January 7, 1925. He married Joyce Fincher on June 24, 1950, in Reno, Nev. He had lived in Wheeler for the past 13 years, moving here from Chickasha, Oklahoma, and was a vibrator operator for Geophysical Service, Inc., until he retired. He was a veteran of W.W.II, serving in the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Kelley of Wheeler; one son, William E. Kelley of New Iberia, La.; three daughters, Beverly Beel of Bakersfield, Ca; Kathy Diera of Wheeler and Betty Sue Benavidez of Erick, Ok.; one brother, James Kelley of San Jose, Ca.; three sisters, Betty Dasher of Livermore, Ca.; Francis Krintzein of Riverbank, Ca.; Margaret Blackman of Modesto, CA.; 15 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Family requests memorials be to Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospice of Amarillo.

Alta L. Morris, 87, Rites In Pampa, Burial Lefors

Alta L. Morris, 87, of Pampa, died Wednesday, December 12, 2001. Services were Monday, Dec 17, 2001 in Carmichael-Whitely Colonial Chapel, Bob Thomas, chaplain for Crown of Texas Hospice, officiated. Burial was held in Memorial Heights Cemetery at Lefors under the direction of Carmichael-Whitely Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Morris, a longtime Gray County resident was born March 15, 1914, at Mobeetie. She married Joe Morris on December 11, 1938, at Sayre, Oklahoma; he died in 1978. She moved to Lefors in 1965 from Arkansas. She was a homemaker and a Methodist.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Era Laverne Morris, in 1952; and a son, Alvie Lee Morris, in 1996.

Survivors include two sons, Zeldon Truman Morris and Orbie Noel Morris, both of Elfrida, Ariz.; three daughters, Sidney Marie Griesman of Grand Island, Neb., Annette Julia Butcher of Pampa and Barbara Nell Wiseman of Arcadia, Fla.; a sister, Estelle Hodges of Mobeetie; three brothers, Monroe Seitz and Fate Seitz, both of Mobeetie, and J. W. Seitz of Wellington; 14 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

to share the profits.

Merchants began giving tickets on November 24, 2001. You are eligible for a ticket each time you enter a sponsoring business; with each five dollars spent, you will receive an additional ticket—up to 100 tickets per purchase.

Four drawings will be held. The drawings will be held on Saturdays, December 8, 15, 22 and Monday 24 Christmas eve. The drawings will begin at 2:30 p.m. again this year. Some 58 lucky Wheeler shoppers will have Wheeler cash to spend again this year. The drawings will be in the amounts of \$300 on the first Saturday, \$400 on the second and third Saturday and \$400 on Monday, December 24.

The \$300 'Cash' will be divided between ten lucky Wheeler shoppers. First to be drawn the ten envelopes containing \$10 'cash'. Four \$25 envelopes will then be handed and the last two individuals will receive \$50 when their names are drawn.

As has been the practice for the past several years, script is given away to the lucky individuals instead of cash. The script can be spent like money with any of the participating merchants. The 'money' will be in \$5 increments.

First State Bank To Give 23 Cash Gift Certificates

At the end of the Wheeler Chamber of Commerce 'Cash' Drawing, the First State Bank will be giving away 23 Gift Certificates. Each of the Gift Certificates in the amount of \$25.00 will be redeemable at one of the 23 businesses participating in the 'cash' drawing.

The winners of the Gift Certificates will be drawn from the drawing tickets used for the 'cash' drawing.

The First State Bank has been involved in the giving of Gift Certificates during the Christmas season for the past seven years. Last year was the first time the winners of the gift certificates were drawn from the chamber tickets. This is a great way for the First State Bank and Chamber of Commerce to show appreciation to all the businesses in Wheeler.

Nathaniel Hillhouse Memorial Toys For Tots

The Fifth Annual Nathaniel Hillhouse Memorial Toys for Tots drive is underway in Wheeler. Sponsors are the Wheeler County Sheriff's Department, Wheeler Banking Center, First State Bank, Mobeetie & Wheeler, and United Methodist Church.

New or good serviceable used toys are needed. Items are being collected for youths from 0-15 years of age. If you wrap a gift, please include sex and age on the gift tag on each gift.

These gifts may be the only Christmas some children may receive. Your gifts will be greatly appreciated.

If someone is aware of needy families. Please contact Wheeler Sheriff's Department or Lee Ann Hillhouse with families names, ages and sex.

Your help and contributions are appreciated.

Monetary donations may be left at the Sheriff's Office, Methodist Church of Wheeler, and Wheeler Vet Clinic. Money will be used for toys, clothing or food, as the donor wishes.

Hospital Notes

Extended Care

Estelle Orr
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Verne Lohberger
Ardie Martin

New Admissions

12/10 Nellie Lackey
12/11 Ceara Wright
Mary Rankins
J. P. Meek
12/12 Elsie Hughes
Bronwyn Dukes
12/13 James Cottom
12/14 Janice Sparlin

Dismissal

12/10 Raymond Burks
12/11 Odessa Mooney
12/12 Jean Mixon
Ceara Wright
James Cottom
Mary Rankins
Janie Troxell
12/13 Bronwyn Dukes
J. P. Meek

Remember, each time you enter participating stores, you are entitled to a ticket; ask for it, sign it, deposit the ticket in the containers, which are conveniently located in the sponsoring firms.

You will receive one ticket per each \$5.00 of the purchase value-up to a maximum of \$100.

When the day of the drawing arrives, all of the tickets will be placed in a large container and the winners drawn. You **MUST** be present to win; however, husbands and wives may claim each other's prizes.

Each sponsor giving tickets will display a poster in their window, indicating

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Fifteen Individuals Share \$400 'Cash' Given Sat.

The second of four Christmas 'Cash' drawings to be held in Wheeler during December was held on Saturday, December 15. Seventeen envelopes were handed out with two individuals having their names drawn twice. Fifteen people have more money to spend.

Josh Couch was the big winner Saturday. His name was on the third ticket drawn from the hopper. Then his name was on the final ticket drawn for the day—\$100 'cash'.

The first money to be handed out Saturday were the envelopes containing \$10 in Wheeler 'cash'. Ashley Earl claimed the first two. Also called forward were Josh Couch, Lois Puryear, Viola Hungate, Macie Miller, Verneal Prater, Juanita Boydston, Julieta Duenez and Robert Jones.

The four individuals claiming the \$25 envelopes were Shai Dougherty, Melanie Alls, Bob Frankenbery and Betty Wainwright.

Two individuals went home \$50 richer. They were Paula Helton and Seth Carpenter.

Remember, husband and wife can claim each other's tickets; everyone else must claim their own.

No. Wheeler Co. Hosp. Board Has Dec. Meeting

December 10, 2001

1. The meeting was called to order by Dean Tipps, chairman at 7:00 PM in the hospital Boardroom.

Those present were: Dean Tipps, Chairman; Thomas Helton, Vice Chairman; David Britt, Secretary; Bob Dukes, Member; Jim Batton, Member; Drew Potter, Administrator

2. Personnel Executive Session:
The Board reviewed several Physician Resumes, and interviewed one Physician. Jim Batton made a motion to offer Dr. Terry Jones a contract regarding his coming to Wheeler to practice medicine. Thomas Helton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes:
The minutes of the November 12, 2001 Board Meeting were presented. Jim Batton made the motion to approve the minutes. David Britt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Payment of the bills:
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Tracy Lane

Tracy Lane Featured Speaker At Convention

Two nursing alumni of Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford were featured speakers at the recent Oklahoma Nurses Association annual state convention held in Oklahoma City.

Michelle Anderson, a registered nurse in pediatrics at the North Texas Hospital for Children in Dallas, and Tracy Lane, regional manager for Western Plains Hospice in the Texas Panhandle, discussed the role transition from being a student to becoming a practicing nurse.

Anderson is a 2001 Southwestern graduate, while Lane of Allison (TX) graduated in 1999 with an interest in geriatrics and psychiatric nursing.

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Sharon Miles

Stacy McQueen
Liz Shipp
Kara Richardson

Brenda McWhorter
Ann Long
Carletta Burton
And The Board of Directors

THE BANK KIDS: (back row, l. to r.) Katie Shipp, Gavin McQueen, Gracie Gaines, Darrell Gaines, (middle row) Aaron Gaines, Darren Gaines, Blake Randels, Jaten Moore, (front row) Blayne Richardson, Brady Richardson, Nicole Moore, Bailey Richardson, Brooke Randels, Brock Randels.



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ALLISON NEWS

By Christine Gilmer

I Peter 6: 17-19: For the time is come that judgement must begin at the house of God; and if first begin at us what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sin-

ner appear? Wherefore let them that suffer according to the Will of God commit the Keeping of their souls to him in Well-doing, as unto a faithful creator.

A cold sun shining Monday morning here in Allison with a calm wind. Was a nice surprise one day last week when there was a knock on my door. When I opened the door there was a lovely lady with very pleasant smile on her face and handed me a bag of goodies. What a nice surprise was from the First Baptist Church, United Methodist Church and the

United Pentecostal Church, all of Allison. They were playing Santa Claus all over town. I think. Thanks, ladies so much; it brightened our day. God's blessings.

Thanks to my good neighbors, last Wednesday, Connie Steffey brought me quite a large size box of pecans, now I will have something to do after Christmas—can shell pecans. Thanks, Connie. The Lord bless you.

There are a lot of good people in our little town.

The United Methodist of Allison was the place for the annual Cantata this Christmas holiday season. Three different churches, the Methodist, Baptist and Pentecostal blessed us with beautiful singing and music, refreshments after singing were served. There was a large crowd there. Bless those that worked so hard to bless the community and there were several there from other places.

Len and Betty Brown from Dumas were here last week and spent three or four days at their Allison home. On Monday night, Opal, Jauanita and Curtis Boydston and Len and Betty Brown all visited at Roma and Billy Brown's home. On Tuesday night they all were at Len and Betty's home for a Christmas gift exchange and refreshments. Others there were Warren and Charlene Brown from Amarillo.

Warren and Charlene also spent Tuesday night with Roma and Billy. Len and Betty and Opal and Juanita attended a funeral at Texola for Lucille Horton on Wednesday.

Friday Opal, Juanita and Curtis Boydston shopped at Elk City, Shamrock and Wheeler.

Roma and Billy Brown shopped some at Elk City last Thursday. Their granddaughter, Teheresa Reecemet them at Braums and they had dinner together and a good visit.

Clifton and Louise Boydston, Pearl Harrison and Sabrina Dupont left last Friday going to Stephenville to attend the college graduation of Jonathan Walker from the Waco College for the training to be an air plane pilot. Congratulations, Jonathan; we are proud of you.

Ray and Sue Giddens have been spending some time recently at Amarillo to be with their grandson and the family of Sammie Brittain, who was in a one vehicle accident one day last week. He is in Northwest Hospital in very serious condition. Our prayers are for him and the family, too.

Melvin and Betty Sue Stinnett and Peggy Chandler left Monday morning on their way to Amarillo for Peggy's doctor appointment.

Vance and Caroline Boydston did some Christmas shopping in Pampa. I believe it was last Thursday.

Mike and Laquinta Hulse and son from Arizona are visiting Clifton and Louise Boydston and other relatives here at Allison.

Take time to pray—it is the greatest power on earth!

To The Editor

The Wheeler Times
Wheeler, TX 79096

December 11, 2001

D. G. Prather (Ms.) 5313 Wheeler
Amarillo, Texas 79110-3514
Wheeler Times
Wheeler, Texas 79096

Editor:

I'm submitting the attached poem, United We Stand, in the hope of sharing it with others. I was compelled to write it after the September 11, 2001 destruction of the Twin Towers. Any consideration given to including it in your newspaper will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
D. G. Prather (Ms.)
5313 Wheeler
Amarillo, Texas 79110-3514
(806)-353-7398

UNITED WE STAND

The sun glistened, casting an orange glow like a halo, on the World Trade Center, enhancing the Twin Towers glory, for the last time.

9-11 Tuesday, A multitude of business' operates from these high rise beauties.

Employees were told I Love you, then kissed goodbye, hurried off to begin their day. No one realized,

thousands would never return on 9-11 Tuesday, or how our world would be forever changed, or how...

United We Stand! Terrorists came to our land in the guise of students.

We, innocently, taught them to fly our planes. Spineless cowards took advantage of a free and trusting people, on 9-11 Tuesday.

Religious fanatics hijacked our passenger planes. Armed with weapons to maim and kill, they turned our planes

loaded with innocents, into missiles of death and destruction, on 9-11 Tuesday.

They took down the Twin Towers. Never knowing ... United We Stand!

Our homeland, attacked! The first time ever 9-11 Tuesday. A nightmarish tragedy on American soil was inflicted.

That day terrorists attacked our innocent citizens, as well as, citizens of the world.

Thousands were sent to an untimely death, 9-11 Tuesday, in hopes of taking America down on her knees.

But, instead... proudly, United We Stand!

The Twin Towers have been brought to ruin. The World Trade Center, now a pile of mangled bodies, dust, dirt and steel, mingled freely, with



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blood, sweat, and tears. 9-11 Tuesday united our people, and the people of the World. It's ironic! That date 9-11 is so close to 9-1-1 the American cry for help. The gentle giant will not be caught napping again ever!

For... United We Stand! Our beloved country, these United States of America, has vowed, to bring the terrorist or terrorists of 9-11 Tuesday to justice by any means necessary. As our president said, "They have awakened a sleeping gi-

ant", on 9-11 Tuesday. Any country providing the terrorists assistance shall feel the wrath of these United States, for...

UNITED WE STAND!!
Written By D. G. Prather

MEALS on WHEELS MENU

MONDAY, December 24, 2001 —

FRIDAY, December 28, 2001

MONDAY: Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Seasoned Broccoli, Pears

TUESDAY: Fried Chicken Livers, Macaroni and Cheese, Mixed Vegetables, Roll/Margarine, Plum Pudding

WEDNESDAY: Smothered Pork Chops, Blackeyed Peas, Fried Okra, Cornbread/Margarine, Pineapple Bake

THURSDAY: Chicken Rice Casserole, Broccoli, Roll/Margarine, Cake

FRIDAY: Frito Pie, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad/Dressing, Bread/Margarine, Bread Pudding

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to express our appreciation to everyone for the love and concern you showed for the loss of our mother and grandmother, Edith Brown. Thanks for the flowers, food, telephone calls, cards, visits and caring words. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

Pat and Amanda Childress

There are those, I know, who will reply that the liberation of humanity, the freedom of man and mind is nothing but a dream. They are right. It is the American dream.

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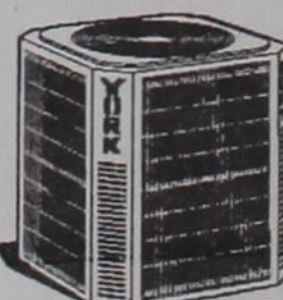
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John 14: 6: "Jesus saith unto him,
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no man cometh unto the Father but by me."

Jeremiah 29: 11-13: I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

Happy Birthday to Bobbi Kay Greene, Larami Lancaster, Wade Hathaway, Stacey Horton and Patricia Debose on Dec. 23; Wanda Herd, Debbie Stinnett, Shelia Mick and Kenny Reed on Dec. 25; Lee Young, Phyllis Kinnard and Nancy Shelton on Dec. 26; M. B. Smith, Chris Fillingim, Sue Harrison, Jotana

Sure a chilly 13th of December. Still dry! Oklahoma City is bemoaning their sloppy weather. TV says it has two possible forecasts. One clearing off and the other heavy snow! Guess we'll see. I'd rather not have a white Christmas.

Gerald and Judy Tipton took a bus tour to Branson, Mo., last week. They really enjoyed the trip and the shows.

Those bus tours are the way to go. We went on one once. Saw the Grand Ole Opry, had breakfast with the Senators, sailed around the statue of Liberty, saw the St. Louis Cardinals play ball. Things we could never managed on our own. Even went to the top of the tallest building in the U.S.A.

Helen Smith visited Mr. and Mrs. Willard Sanders Monday. He isn't very well.

Had a Christmas card from Donald and Brenda Hix. He said they had been to Hawaii on their 30th anniversary. On the flight back, a man came up and spoke. It was Dale Atchley. They hadn't seen each other in 36 years!

The Sweetwater Assembly of God Church had their Christmas Dinner last Sunday.

I counted 14 trailers of cotton lined up at the Erick gin. They say it comes from around Texola. Sure not much around here.

The Erick Sweetwater basketball teams are at the Mangum Festival this week.

Bob and Lori Thompson have a new grandchild, Madison Stephens, born November 29 at Oklahoma City. She has a sister, Reagan. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Brian Stephens, Weatherford.

Matthew Carson graduated at Weatherford with a BBA in Management.

I watched for the Space Station but failed to see it.

I visited with Elmer Lee Howell and Wayne Topper in Erick, Monday.

We had eleven FFA members attend the meet on Leadership at Oklahoma City. They were Malia Greer, Kindra Holland, Lucy Fowler, Jenny McNeil, Tyler Locke, Will Billingsley, Kyle Cox, Nathan Reed, Levi Greer, Hunter Copenhagor and Chelsie Copenhagor.

In all this hustle and bustle, let's not forget we are celebrating the birthday of the Christ Child.

Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!

To The Editor
The Wheeler Times
Wheeler, TX 79096

Dear Editor,

I am looking for anyone who knew Laurence A. St. Johns.

My name is Robert L. Black. On May 24, 1944, Larry and I were crew members on a B-17 Flying out of England. He was a waist gunner and I was a radio-operator gunner.

We were on a mission to Berlin when our plane was shot down. Larry and 6 other crew members were killed that morning as our plane crashed in a pasture near Rottenhahn, Germany.

I would like to contact anyone who knew Larry—brother, sister, etc. I just recently learned that Larry's home town was Mobeetie.

My e-mail address is pow1200@brinet.com.

My mailing address is 2250 Bonaire Drive, Hendersonville, NC 28739

Bob Black

Simmons and Erma Riley on Dec. 28; Polly Hefley, Andy Maslek, Maurine Brotherton, Keri Marion and Maggie Jones on Dec. 29.

Happy Anniversary to Rick and Janet Hefner on Dec. 24; Garland and Charlene Dukes on Dec. 27.

Bob and Gena Zybach are having their family Christmas on Saturday, Dec. 22. More later.

Bro. Buddy Young was the speaker at Wheeler Baptist Church Sunday in the absence of Bro. Toby Henson. Toby and Kloette and Rayan and Josh went to Ft. Worth over the weekend. Toby was to receive his doctorate. Congratulations, Toby. Bro. Buddy is from the Baptist Student Union at Canyon.

Willa Fillingim had a nice surprise

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Sunday, the best Christmas present she could hope for. Her grandchildren and great grands came to see her. Three cars pulled up and they started getting out. Ones who came were Boyce Michael Crownover and Lacy Amber and Boyce's friend, Angie, Jodie and Kenny Striley and Andrew and Londa Crownover and friend, Justin, and his son, Tristian, 4. The kids had a great time playing with ducks, rabbits, etc. and pictures were taken.

Willa is still having eye trouble. Makes it hard to drive, but feels it is getting a little better each day.

Rita Pearson went to Amarillo Thursday and shopped and went to Amanda Shields graduation as an R.N. from Amarillo College. Congratulations, Amanda! Know that's a hard course.

Sorry to hear that Sammie Britton, about 22, was in a very serious car wreck, and had head injuries. He is now in Northwest Texas Hospital CCU at Amarillo. Wayne and Kathy Zybach and Clay and Casey spent the weekend up there to be near. Pray for Sammie and his family. His mother, Nancy, is a sister to Kathy Zybach. He is a grandson of Ray and Sue Giddens.

J. P. Meek has been very ill in BSA Amarillo. Thought to have congestion around his heart and liver. Was scheduled to have a cat scan Monday. But early Monday he quit breathing. They brought him back, but he is in I.C.U. Pray for J. P.

Don't you know Bin Laden gets a thrill from all the attention of the whole world hating him and scared of him, trying to get him? God is stronger than evil.

Congratulations to Lori (Helton) and Danny Debose on the birth of their new baby boy, Christian Albert Debose, born November 26, at Sayre Hospital. He weighed 7 lbs. 4 1/2 ozs and is welcomed by big brother, Dallan. Happy grandparents include Pat and Alberta Helton and Virginia Moore of Wheeler. God bless you everyone!

We enjoyed going to Briscoe Thursday morning to see Ft. Elliott High School girls and boys play Samnorwood. Our girls won 46-11 and boys won 69-30 with all playing.

Ft. Elliott boys defeated a tall Higgins team Friday night. Ft. Elliott girls also defeated Higgins girls. Allison girls beat Ft. Elliott Sunday

afternoon to win third.

Doyle and Bulah Grimes had all their kids and most of their grandkids on Saturday at their house. About 20 in all. They celebrated Doyle's 86th birthday and 4 other family members. A granddaughter baked the big, beautiful cake. Everyone brought food and they had a great time together.

Dorothy Ogle and Shellie Johnson and Tanner and June and Kevin Sheffield all went to the coast to visit Mable Parker for a few days. Jeremy Johnson visited James and Marti Ogle Sunday. Saturday visitors were Misty and Casey Gilmer and Abbe.

Lois Meadows is expecting Rick and Lucy Lucas and maybe Carissa and Reagan from Westport, Ky., to come Monday for a few days visit with her and Eddie and Leta Meadows and family.

Kelton School had a Christmas party at Maxeys Tuesday night for 38 people.

"On Christmas morning long ago. Into this world of sin and woe The blessed Savior came; God's wondrous gift of love was He.

God's gift to lost humanity— O glory to His name!"

from Staples in *Our Daily Bread* Tuesday night Ft. Elliott High School basketball teams traveled to Booker. Ft. Elliott girls won 46-42. Ft. Elliott boys won 54-50. Congrats! Sounds like close games! Many Ft. Elliott fans went to watch.

Verneal Prater did take his wife, Juanita, out to Maxeys to eat Monday to celebrate her 70th birthday. Granddaughter Shannon Faye Prater had 2 beautiful bouquets of roses sent for her birthday, and also one for Berneal since she missed his birthday. Happy Birthday, Juanita.

We are expecting Danny and Chris Fillingim, Dallas Fillingim and Lindsey and Ken Criswell for Christmas Day. And they will bring the dinner!

Lou Dean went back to Amarillo Tuesday for her check-up on her foot. Doctor dismissed her, but to come back if she has problems. She is still having some swelling, but can wear her shoe some. She had surgery on 3 toes.

Larry and Vickey Nelson went to Weatherford Saturday night to the Ag-Link Christmas party. Vickey enjoyed meeting Larry's co-workers. They had a nice supper there. Weekend visitors were Danny Nelson and Amy and Danielle. Danny and Jimmy shopped some in Amarillo Sunday.

Visiting Rosalie Keelin Saturday night were Gene and Norma Keelin and Daniel and Tracy. Tracy was drawing pictures.

Richmond Davis' house was struck by lightning recently and damaged beyond living in. Richmond is now living with a sister in Pampa. So sorry about the house.

Ft. Elliott Elementary put on their Christmas program for Kelton Elementary. And went down to view the Kelton program.

Gageby ladies taking delicious pies for the pie party at the Abraham Home at Canadian were Lois Meadows, Willa Fillingim, Martha Meek, Evelyn Meek and Laurel Hershman helping out Tuesday. They also sang many Christmas Carols with some of the residents joining in.

Willa Fillingim's eye is improving some, but still needs your prayers.

Pray also for Betty Talley of Miami, who has had some heart problems and leg trouble from the heart cath.

Carl Lee Jahnel is in a Cub Scout group at Wheeler. Mack Marshall is their leader. Monday night they are having a Cub Scout banquet and awards at the Wheeler Methodist Church. The scouts have been making bird houses and will be judged on them. They have their Cub Scout shirts and hope to earn patches soon to put on them.

Dallas Fillingim and Lindsey Criswell have always celebrated their birthdays together. Dallas turned 28 on Dec. 11. Lindsey turned 25 on Dec. 12. Dallas came up from Vernon and spent the weekend with Lindsey and Ken Criswell. David and Rita Pearson came up Saturday and spent the day and shopped some and ate out. Lindsey also went with David and Rita to the Farm Bureau District Annual Christmas party for agents and families at the Canyon Community Center with a delicious meal catered by Dyers Barbeque.

Betty Talley has spent some time in BSA at Amarillo. Her heart seemed to be "running away with itself", but is better.

Willa Fillingim frequently has varmint problems. They kill her ducks and chicks, etc. She was glad to have Don Logan to come one day and shoot a coyote for her.

Andy Johnel from Gem City area came to Mobeetie Wednesday night for grandson Carl Lee Johnel's

Christmas program.

Miami boys defeated Ft. Elliott boys Saturday night to win the tournament with Ft. Elliott second. Wheeler girls defeated Shamrock girls to win the girls division in the tournament. Ft. Elliott had defeated Miami twice before.

Nice to see Suzie Galutia at Maxeys Thursday night. She goes to Texas Tech. at Lubbock. Looking beautiful.

Sorry to hear that Bronwyn Dukes was hurt in the Allison game and had a concussion. Stayed over night in Wheeler Hospital, but they think she will be o.k. think they were playing Miami. Pray for Bronwyn.

Friday Wheeler boys and girls defeated Allison boys and girls at the Ft. Elliott tournament.

We enjoy all the lovely cards and especially those from family and friends. Just sorry I am so poky. Remember we love you and hope to get cards all off soon, but some may be New Year's cards.

Nice to have Preston and Elsie Glazner join us for supper at Maxeys Friday night. They are expecting Timm and Melody Rodgers and Gabe and Nikki and Allison for Christmas day.

Ft. Elliott Elementary again put on an outstanding Christmas program Wednesday night at Mobeetie, directed very ably by Pam Jones.

Over 50 kids grades Kindergarten through 5th grade depicted Christmas around the world with hats and bonnets and narration and great singing. Staff and other teachers also helped with costumes and props. Some children in the program were Jessica Alls, Haley and Kasey Barton, Jayton Childress, Cody Clark, Ty Ford, Keelie Ralston, Zane Zybach, Houston Barr, Brandon Hathaway, Derrck Hungate, Kathy Kelly, Tyler Schaub, Tracy Winter, Emily Wyant, Jayton Bell, Jada Hathaway, Carl Johnel, Andrea Martinez, Kinsley Ralston, J. T. Smith, Pate Alls, Blake Baker, Hayden Duncan, Colbey Hanson, Karly Lovelace, Cody Selby, Roland Newman, Bailey and Hailey Estes, Brandon Finsterwald Sara Hathaway, Megan Horn, Veronica Hungate, Stormi Lancaster, Morgan Lane, Amber Maddox, Tisha McLaughlin, Kaylie Ralston, Kayleigh Schaub, Kelsi Wiggins, Amanda Woodworth, Charity Baird, Dawson Clark, Davis Corse, Gatlin Duncan, Sarah Horn, Marissa Keelin, Karen Kelley, Adrian Reis, Kory McLaughlin, Chelsea Selby, Allene Wyant and Alexis Zybach. Great Job! Big crowd of relatives and friends and grandparents there for the occasion. Also Santa came just as the program ended to add excitement and visit with the kids.

We went to Canadian Wednesday morning to see if Dr. Bob Lusk at Canadian Eye Care Clinic could help Willis see better. We are hoping, I enjoyed visiting with Melanie Lusk, Bob's wife and helper and little 2-year-old Elise. Bob is the grandson of Tom and Jo Riley, who lived south of 277. Think Tom used to referee games. Bob's mom, Sharon lives with Jo on the ranch. Tom is deceased. Melanie made copies for me of some delicious recipes in *Taste of Home* magazine. Thanks!

On the way home we went by our old place in the country. Guess we are weaned away; it no longer seemed like home. But we had enjoyed living there.

We ate lunch at Soto's in Wheeler. It was good. Some others there were Richmond Davis from Pampa (Used to be our neighbor) with a brother and two other guys, that work west of Mobeetie at the salt water plant. Didn't realize salt water is good for many things in the oil field. Also there, Jerry Lister and Bill Brickey.

"God be with you till we meet again."

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Wheeler County COURT RECORDS

List of instruments filed in the Wheeler County Clerk's office from December 10, 2001—December 13, 2001

DECEMBER 10, 2001
PARTIAL TDT—National Bank of Commerce to Michael Joe Hobbs et ux, 12-7-01, Lot 9, Blk 4, Mon-Lew Add, Shamrock.
RDT—National Bank of Commerce to Michael Joe Hobbs et ux, 12-7-01 Lot 9, Blk 4, Mon-Lew Add, Shamrock.

MD—Jeffery Goldsmith to Peyton Oil & Gas Inc, 12-7-01, Und 20 ac Min Int In: E1/2 W1/2 E1/2; E1/2; E1/2; Sec 2, Blk A-3.

D—Joe E. Lee et ux to J. B. Lee of Austin Family Limited Partnership, 12-6-01, 524.5 acs, Sec 1, Blk 27, S1/2, Sec 23, Blk A-4 H&GN, Exc Unc 120acs Min In.
UNIT DESIGNATION—Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent, Inc. to Latrice Anne Patterson et al, 11-30-01, W1/2SE1/4S1/2SE1/4 SE1/4; W1/2; NW1/4 Sec 2 Blk 1 CC School Land. ORDER OF DISMISSAL—AMARU Inc to Southwest Land Title Co of Fort Worth, Inc., 11-2-01.

DECEMBER 11, 2001
D—Alfred Koetting to Bluebird Ranch LP, 11-20-01 W1/2, Sec 23, A-4, ExcMins.

AOJUDG—Holt Company of Texas to Allen Construction Co, Inc., 12-7-01.

CC PROB PROC—Brenda A Falkowski to Ex-Parte, 11-30-01.
DT—KCS Resources, Inc. to CIBC, Inc. 11-28-01, See Instrument.

MML—David Shawn Zybach et ux to J. David Zybach, 12-10-01, Pt Sec 16, Blk RE.

TMML—J. David Zybach to First State Bank of Mobeetie, 12-10-01, Pt Sec 16, Blk RE.

DECEMBER 12, 2001
MD—Elizabeth M. Holton to Holton Interests Limited, 12-11-01, All Und Int In, E1/2NE1/2 Sec 5, A-4.

EXT DT—Joe G. Jernigan to First National Bank of Shamrock, 11-18-01 Lot 16-24, Blk 1, Purcell Add, Lela. HOME EQUITY DT—Quinton Dale Brown et ux to National Bank of Commerce, 12-03-01, N50' Lot 4, Blk LX, OT Shamrock.

DT—11th Street Baptist Church, Shamrock, to National Bank of Commerce, 11-16-01, Outlot Pts Lot 58, Shamrock.

Wheeler Co. Grand Jury Returns Dec. Indictments

The Wheeler office of District Attorney Richard J. Roach released the following list of indictments issued December 6, 2001, by the Wheeler County Grand Jury.

Shawn Ray Hernandez of Shamrock, Texas, a 30-year-old male, was charged with Attempted Manufacture of Controlled Substance. Offense date was January 19, 2001.

Bruno Anullo Villarreal of Little Rock, Arkansas, an 18-year-old male was charged with Possession of Marihuana. Offense date was October 27, 2001.

Elsa Rodriguez of Little Rock, Arkansas, a 20-year-old female was charged with Possession of Marihuana. Offense date was October 27, 2001.

Summer Dawn Kemp of Evansville, Indiana, a 20-year-old female was charged with Possession of Marihuana. Offense date was October 25, 2001.

Melanie Ann Gunn of Evansville, Indiana, a 19-year-old female was charged with Possession of Marihuana. Offense Date was October 25, 2001.

Sergio Escajeda Hernandez of Almagordo, New Mexico, a 20-year-old male was charged with Possession of Marihuana. Offense date was September 6, 2001.

Connie Renee Wing of Shamrock, Texas, a 22-year-old female was charged with Possession of Controlled Substance With Intent to Manufacture. Offense date was January 4, 2001.

Danny Ray Ballard of Shamrock, Texas, a 46-year-old male was charged with Possession of Controlled Substance With Intent to Manufacture. Offense date was January 4, 2001.

Nedi Gomez-Cardenas, a/k/a Esperanza Escareno of Almagordo, New Mexico, an 18-year-old male was charged with Possession of Marihuana. Offense date was September 6, 2001.

Jess Charles Hamilton of Muskegon, Michigan, a 30-year-old male was charged with Possession of Marihuana. Offense date was May 17, 2001.

Carmen Rodriguez of Little Rock, Arkansas, a 41-year-old female was charged with Possession of Marihuana. Offense date was October 27, 2001. Offense date was October 27, 2001.

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ASSIGN—Jackfork Land, Inc. to Chevron USA, Inc., 11-12-01, See Instrument.
TDT—First National Bank of Amarillo to CountryWide Home Loans, Inc., 12-7-01 Lot 9, Blk 4 Mont-LewAdd, Shamrock.

DECEMBER 13, 2001
EXT DT—Michael Joe Hobbs et ux to National Bank of Commerce, 12-10-01, 10.4 Acs Sep Sec 57, Blk 17, H&GN.

DT—Robert W. Riley et ux to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., 12-11-01, N54' Lot 3, Blk LVII, Shamrock.

ADMINISTRATOR A OF JUDE—Mildred Trammell to Carol D. Trammell 12-11-01.

CC WILL—Ethel Nettie Lancaster to Ex-Parte, 12-03-98.

HEIRSHIP AFF—James C. Rice to Ethel Nettie Lancaster 11-27-01.

ASSIGN—Parks & Luttrell Energy Partners LP et al to Stallion Panhandle 2001 LP, 12-6-01, See Instrument.

ASSIGN/CONVEY OVERRID ROYALTY—Stallion Panhandle 2001 LP to DBAB Capital LLC, 12-6-01, See Instrument.

DT—Stallion Panhandle 2001 LP to Deutsche Bank AG New York Branch, 12-6-01, See Instrument.

D—David M. Britt, Inc. et al to David Madison Britt, 12-13-01, See Instrument.

EXT DT—Lee Ann Hillhouse et ux to First Ag Credit PCA, 12-13-01, See Instrument.

Improvement (from Page 1)

school. This would apply to the lockers in the school halls of the grades 7-12. This would prevent lockers being hiding places for alcohol, drugs, cigarettes, stolen items, weapons, bombs and stolen homework, or planted illegal substances. Students would have a set of books in each classroom and another set of books they keep at their home. A few committee members are going to observe a lockerless school setting at Clinton, Oklahoma, and present the District Improvement Council with their findings at the next meeting.

III. Mr. Pulpan and Mr. Symank began a discussion with the group concerning the Code of Conduct Handbook and the alcohol and drug abuse in the school. Suggestions were made for reducing the problems in our school. The idea of Wheeler becoming a lockerless school and also having a closed campus were strongly suggested. The members were to come to the next meeting with a list of three plus or minus aspects of the closed campus theories suggested.

IV. The next meeting will be in January.

Chat (from Page 1)

I am not promising you anything on when we will be in the office next week.

—cwe—
We have been having some really nice weather for the drawings. The forecasts do not look too good for Saturday.

—cwe—
Have you taken the youngster into Hyland's to register for the stocking full of toys. It would be a good idea to get that taken care of.

—cwe—
Once again, Thanks Patricia for taking time out from your retirement to help with the paper.

—cwe—
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—cwe—
There is no charge for running the pictures and we can return them.

—cwe—
We were at home this past weekend. Ronal Jr. came from Weatherford to spend the weekend. He had to be back at school Monday. He returned Tuesday afternoon to spend the night. We managed to find two other people to join us for several games of cards.

—cwe—
Monday evening was not a good evening for me to play cards. Leroy, Dwight and I managed to get skunked. We lost all three games to Mike, Rhonda and Bob.

—cwe—

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Oil Well Completions
GRAY (PANHANDLE) Exxcel Production Co., #14 Chapman '49', Sec. 49,A-9,H&GN, spud 8-1-01, drlg. compl 8-6-01, tested 10-26-01, pumped 15 bbl. of 42 grav. oil + 1 bbl. water, GOR 733, TD 2910', PBTD 2910'.

GRAY (PANHANDLE) Exxcel Production Co., #15 Chapman '49', Sec. 49,A-9,H&GN, spud 7-25-01, drlg. compl 7-29-01, tested 10-26-01, pumped 5.9 bbl. of 42 grav. oil + 1 bbl. water, GOR 678, TD 2837', PBTD 2825'.

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Douglas) Courson Oil & Gas, Inc., #2054 Flowers 'A', Sec. 54, A-1 H&GN, spud 9-5-01, drlg. compl 9-29-01, tested 12-5-01, flowed 83.5 bbl. of 41.6 grav. oil + no water thru 41/64" choke on 24 hour test, TD 8100' PBTD 8035'.

CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE) J. M. Huber Corp., #A-3 Bivins, Sec. 43,M-20,G&H, spud 9-5-01, drlg. compl 9-18-01, tested 11-8-01, MD 5279', TVD 2357' -- Horizontal Sidetrack.

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Bravo Natural Resources, Inc., #2 Carr '14', Sec. 14,4,AB&M, spud 5-25-01, drlg. compl 6-10-01, tested 11-14-01, potential 641 MCF, TD 11750', PBTD 11690'.

—orig. filed as #2014 Carr HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd., Partnership, #6058 Francis, Sec. 58,M-1,H&GN, spud 9-5-01, drlg. compl 9-20-01, tested 10-7-01, potential 20127 MCF, TD 11996', PBTD 11847'.

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd., Partnership, #2054 Meek, Sec. 54,M-1,H&GN, spud 7-21-01, drlg. compl 8-11-01, tested 10-25-01, potential 11278 MCF, TD 12000', PBTD 11892'.

Wheeler Girl's B'ball Stastics Are Reported

Wheeler girls played Sayre on Tuesday, December 11, 2001. Wheeler scored 56 points to Sayre's 46 points. L. Finsterwald scored the most points in the game with 23.

Scores by quarter were:
Wheeler 8 17 31 56
Sayre 4 16 26 46

Wheeler Statistics:
Player 2's 3's FTAFTM TP
A. Jones 1 4 4 6
L. Finsterwald 7 13 9 23
T. Hudgins 2 4 2 6
K. Marion 1 2 2
C. Brown 2 2 1 5
H. Leven 2 5 4 8
A. Osborne 3 6 6
Total 18 28 20 56

The Wheeler Girl's basketball team played in the Ft. Elliott Tournament over the weekend.

Scores by quarter were:
Wheeler 18 35 53 67
Wheeler Statistics:
A. Jones 3 6 3 9
L. Finsterwald 6 2 6 24
T. Hudgins 2 2 4
K. Marion 1 2 2
C. Brown 6 12
H. Leven 4 8
A. Osborne 3 2 2 8

Allison Statistics:
Donaldson 4 2 4 3 17
Archer 1 3
Chupp 6 6 3 15
A. Lohberger 1 2
Boydston 1 2

Scores by quarter were:
Wheeler 10 23 39 50
Wheeler Statistics:
L. Finsterwald 1 3 8 6 17
T. Hudgins 2 1 1 5
C. Brown 6 6 3 15
H. Leven 2 2 1 5
A. Osborne 3 2 2 8

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At this time of year, people may become at risk for exposure as they remove decorations from storage or when the items are returned to storage after the holidays. Supplemental feeding of livestock during the winter may also increase the risk of exposure for livestock owners who have to load hay or feed that has been stored where rodents can have access.

Humans are usually infected when they inhale dust contaminated by saliva, urine, or feces of infected rodents. Humans may also be infected by rodent bites and when material contaminated with rodent urine and or rodent nests are encountered, critical steps should be taken before any clean up is attempted or the area is disturbed.

Self-protection is critical, so the use of rubber gloves, eye protection and a good quality mask are recommended. Prior to initiating the cleaning process, open any windows and doors in the room to allow the air to circulate through the room. Spray the area with a solution of one part bleach in nine parts of water, or another

disinfectant that will kill viruses. If rodent carcasses or nest materials are found, spray them down with the disinfectant, too. Allow the disinfectant to remain on the surfaces for at least 30 minutes.

To keep the amount of dust at a minimum, spray the disinfectant a second time just prior to beginning the cleaning process and before removing any nesting materials or carcasses. If a person develops flu-like symptoms after cleaning a rodent infested area, a physician should be contacted and the possibility of HPS should be evaluated.

Preventing HPS also involves controlling rodent activity in the outside of the home or storage buildings by implementing the following procedures: keep kitchen and food preparation areas clean and store food and

Booklet

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or to help you buy at bargain basement prices," says Gary Gibbons, a researcher at the Institute. "The most popular listings booklet are: Loans for entrepreneurs with no money, \$2,500 for college students for summer travel. Free help getting the best deal on a new car. Find a federal job with a phone call. \$20,000 to write a novel. Get paid to travel and talk. Free medications direct from drug companies. Money for seniors to fix up their homes. Seniors turn homes into cash machines. Students-let your congressman show you millions.

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MOBEETIE NEWS

By: Melba Corcoran

At night on the highway about Shelton hill watch for wild hogs, they sometimes play on the road. The deer are bad also.

Dale and Melba Corcoran took Orville Greenhouse and Lorene Rector to Pampa Tuesday. They went shopping and then Lorene treated Melba and Dale to lunch for Melba's Birthday. They visited with D. L. Rector after Melvin's funeral. On the way home they met Jerry Rector near Laketon. He turned around and stopped them and visited for awhile by the road. He had been to Arnett to work and was on his way home.

Margaret Trout is in the hospital in

Pampa. Remember her in your prayers. Charles and Helen Mixon are staying with Don and Mary Margaret Quarles in Pampa to be near her. Our sympathy goes out to her family. Margaret passed away early Monday morning.

Dale and Melba Corcoran went to Pampa Wednesday for Melba's doctor appointment.

Our Sympathy goes out to the family of Alta Seitz Morris. She passed away Wednesday morning.

Some more houses that have decoration up this week are Robert and Sue Mayfield, Kevin and Cammie Ralston, Aaron and Arica Lancaster and Ty and Christina Swift. It is worth your drive to go by Bobby and Mary Nell Finsterwald, Bill and Tonya Finsterwald and Arthur Don and Willene Burke houses to see their decoration.

Leta Mae Gatlin entered the hospital the first of the week.

Toney Dickey left to go back to Africa to work. Francis will be joining him for Christmas.

Jess Mixon was dismissed from the hospital on Tuesday.

Doug and Aline Corse went to Amarillo Tuesday for Aline's treatment. She was able to attend the program at school.

Aaron and Arica Lancaster visited in McLean with Ariza Corcoran the first of the week.

Mt. View Quilting Club held their Christmas party Thursday, Dec. 13 at the Totty schoolhouse. Audrey Seitz's quilt was finished. The club will not meet again until Jan 3.

Those enjoying a pot luck dinner were Bobbie Ehmann, Elva Wood, Estelle Hodges, Audrey Seitz, Augusta Brown, Charlotte Coward and Melba Corcoran.

Phyllis Crawford of Tuttle Ok and Luther Pierce of Reydon Ok visited Saturday afternoon with Lorene Rector.

tor, Dale and Melba Corcoran also visited with them.

Larami Lancaster had her fifth birthday party Saturday at Gymnastics of Pampa. The party was a Barbie theme party. Her friends from preschool were the guests.

Bill and Virginia Ridgway, Clara Ridgway and Todd ate dinner Saturday night at the Red River Steak House in McLean.

Those enjoying dinner with Aaron and Arica Lancaster Sunday were Bill and Virginia Ridgway and Dale and Melba Corcoran.

Aaron and Arica Lancaster and Ada Lou Lester met Gene and Sue Harrison in Canadian for dinner Saturday night. Then they all attended the Music program. They visited with Hugh and Mae Bailey, Tommy & Floyce Corcoran, Nathan and Nelda Lancaster, Davie and Vangie Turner, Dan and Kay Gatlin and Ann Walser. Tommy Corcoran has 5 more days to work.

Dale and Melba Corcoran visited in Pampa Saturday with Francis Grove. Then they attended the Post Office Christmas Party.

Those attending the Care Center Church Service Sunday afternoon were Bro. Bob Meller, Nadine Lane, Doris Finsterwald, Marion Grimes, Trish McLaughlin, Andrea

Martinez, Arica Lancaster and Melba Corcoran.

Maida Allen got out of the hospital and is back at the home in Pampa.

Julian and Jerry Martinez van was stolen Saturday night in Carson County. It has not been recovered to date.

Gladys Richardson and Leola Stuart visited Friday in Shamrock with Bulah Stuart and Otis.

Leola Stuart visited Sunday with Eddie and Amy Richardson in Wheeler. Others there were Jennifer and Michael Ramirez. Michael is home of leave. He was in boot camp in North Carolina. Jennifer has been living in Shamrock.

Alvern Hutchinson of Wheeler visited Sunday with her Aunt Orville Greenhouse.

Monday Dale and Barbara Richardson of Elk City and Ivy Richardson of Erick visited with Leola Stuart and Gladys Richardson. They enjoyed several domino games.

Tuesday Ronnie and Tonya Stuart of Lawton, OK, Peggy Dunn of Canadian and Rita Smith of Wheeler visited with Leola Stuart and Gladys Richardson.

Those enjoying an early Christmas with Doyle and Bulah Grimes were Jerry and Beverly Grimes, Gary and Marilyn Grimes and Dwan Grimes and Devin all of Amarillo, Jerry and Phyllis Tucker, Chris & Dixie Purdy, Dillon and Carol Guymon OK, Arden & Derinda Aranda, Rami and Arden of Keys, OK, Marvin and Kelley Grimes, Dee and Drew, and Darren Grimes all of Lubbock, J. E. Payne of Hollis, OK, Chad and Kendra Hicks of Dalhart.

J. P. Meek is in the hospital in Amarillo. Remember him in your prayers. He is on a respirator. Aaron Laverty spent all day Monday at the



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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

hospital.

Bill and Dutch Elliott came by the museum and visited with Melba Corcoran Monday afternoon. They had been to Altus.

Aaron and Arica Lancaster went home to Amarillo Monday for a few days. They plan on spending Christmas here this year.

The Gageby Baptist Church will have their Christmas Program Sunday night at 6:00 P.M.

The First Baptist Church will have special music Sunday morning for the service by the Choir. Sunday night the Youth and Children Sunday School Department will present the program. The group will go caroling after the service and then come back to the church for sandwiches and cookies. Tim Adcock will pull the hayride for the caroling. Don Burke is furnishing the trailer and hay.

To the Mobeetie Post Office a Special "Thank You" for remembering us. Sept. 11 brought it all back to us and made us realize how important what we did was for our great country, the people & family. To a man we're all ready to go back if needed. Again to the Mobeetie Post Office Employees Thank you for remembering us "The Mobeetie Veteran" by Hugh Bailey.

OLD JAIL MUSEUM NEWS

This has been a quite a week at the museum. Dale Corcoran got some of the holes dug for the new Oak trees. Joe VanZandt got three of the trees planted Monday. Melba Corcoran has been working on the archives and typing. There have been several visitors this week.

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by Lorena g. Males

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Wednesday night the Fort Elliott Elementary presented their Christmas Play, which was titled, Around the World at Christmas Time.

The students were dressed in costumes to represent different Countries. The students dressed to represent Mexico were Jessica Alls, Haley Barton, Kasey Barton, Jayton Childress, Cody Clark, Ty Ford, Keele Ralston and Zane Zybach.

Those representing England were Jayton Bell, Jada Hathaway, Carl Jahnel, Andrea Martinez, Kinslie Ralston and J. T. Smith.

Those representing France were Pate Alls, Blake Baker, Hayden Duncan, Colbey Hanson, Karly Lovelace, Cody Selby and Roland Newman.

Those representing The United States were Houston Barr, Brandon Hathaway, Derrick Hungate, Kathy Kelley, Tyler Schaub, Tracy Winter and Emily Wyant.

Those representing Germany were Charity Baird, Dawson Clark, Davis Corse, Gatlin Duncan, Sarah Horn, Marissa Keelin, Karen Kelley, Kory McLaughlin, Adrian Reis, Chelsea Selby, Ailene Wyant, and Alexis Zybach.

Those representing Netherlands were Bailey and Haley Estes, Bran-

don Finsterwald, Sara Hathaway, Megan Horn, Veronica Hungate, Stormi Lancaster, Morgan Lane, Amber Maddox, Trish McLaughlin, Kaylie Ralston, Kaleigh Schaub, Kelsi Wiggins and Amanda Woodworth.

They sang Joy to the World to open the program. They sang O Christmas Tree to represent Germany. Blake Baker and Megan Horn sung O Come, Little Children to represent Scandinavia. Charity Baird, Blake Baker, Sara Hathaway, Megan Horn, Sarah Horn, Veronica Hungate, Marissa Keelin, Stormi Lancaster, Amber Maddox, Adrian Reis, Kaleigh Schaub, and Kelsi Wiggins sang The Friendly Beasts to represent Southern Europe. The group sang Deck the Halls to represent Great Britain.

Christmas Lullaby was sung by the Kindergarten, First and second grades which represented Eastern Europe. Those students were Jessica Alls, Houston Barr, Haley Barton, Kasey Barton, Jayton Bell, Jayton Childress, Cody Clark, Ty Ford, Brandon Hathaway, Jada Hathaway, Derrick Hungate, Carl Jahnel, Kathy Kelley, Andrea Martinez, Keele Ralston, Kinslie Ralston, Tyler Schaub, J. T. Smith, Tracy Winter, Emily Wyant and Zane Zybach. The Group then sang O Hanukkah to represent Israel & Jewish Nation. The Pinata Song to represent Mexico. Up on the Housetop/Jolly Old St. Nicholas to represent the United States. They ended with singing Around the World at Christmas Time.

Special Thanks were given to Pam

Jones for all of her extra work and time as the music director, to Tim and Sallie Adcock for all of their personal time spent building and decorating the sets. Thanks to all of the staff and teachers at Fort Elliott Elementary who helped with props and costumes. The program was enjoyed by all present and Santa Claus came and gave sacks to the children and took orders for Christmas.

Events Dec. 20th: 4th and 7th hour semester tests.

Dec. 21, 4:00 High School Varsity and Junior Varsity Basketball at Shamrock there.

It is the end of the 3rd 6-weeks and First semester.

Dec. 21 to Jan. 2 Christmas Holidays

On Dec. 28 at 4:00 P.M. High School Basketball Varsity and Junior Varsity with Wheeler at Fort Elliott.

Dec. 29 2:00 High School Basketball Varsity and Junior Varsity with Booker at Fort Elliott.

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—Eugene Ionesco.

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Board

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David Britt made the motion to pay the bills. Thomas Helton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Financial Statements and Statistics:

Drew Potter reported Financial Statements and Statistics. Thomas Helton made the motion to approve the statements and statistics as presented. David Britt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Quality Improvement Minutes:

The Quality Improvement minutes of the December 5, 2001 meeting were reviewed. David Britt made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Bob Dukes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Personnel Executive Session:

Jim Batton made a motion to continue Drew Potter's probationary period, and continue with Bill Robertson's advisory roll. Thomas Helton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Administrator's Report:

(a) Larry Anderson from Anderson and Associates in Lubbock, TX presented the audit report for fiscal year ending May 31, 2001 at the November 26, 2001 board meeting. David Britt made a motion to accept the report as presented. Bob Dukes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



(b) Drew Potter presented information regarding Critical Access criteria. Anderson and Associates have been retained to perform a financial evaluation to determine if becoming a critical access hospital would be a sound financial decision.

(c) Drew Potter reported that

Parkview hospital's Christmas party would be celebrated on Thursday December 13, 2001 beginning at 7:00pm. Drew Potter also reported that his family would be having an open house on Saturday December 15, 2001 beginning at 6:00pm.

9. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM

Killing Dead Litter Crop On CRP Land

CRP participants who are schedule to plant a native grass mix this coming spring to go ahead and seed their grass into the dead litter crop. NRCS recommends seeding your native grass mix after Dec. 1. In the past, we felt like if the grass was seeded in December most of our native grass made into a real good stand that spring.

At this time CRP producers have two methods to consider when killing their dead litter crop. Producers may chemically kill or mechanically kill their dead litter crop. The first method is mechanical kill your dead litter crop. Mow or clip small grain when it reaches the soft dough stage. Do not allow the seed head to mature. Leave as much stubble height as possible to protect the young grass seedling. NRCS prefers producers to kill their dead litter crop by April 15th.

The second method is chemical kill your dead litter crop. Chemical

(Round-up) may be applied to kill small grains such as wheat or rye when the plants are in boot stage. Do not allow small grains to mature past the soft dough stage. The desired grass species may be planted into the small grains either prior to or after small grain crops are killed. The small grains must be chemically killed before the grass seed germinates. I would urge all CRP producers to contact their local Natural Resources Conservation Service office before killing your dead litter crop.

In the past few years we have found out that spraying your dead litter crop has been the most effective way to kill a dead litter crop. You could also mix a weed killer herbicide with the round-up to control weeds but before mixing your chemical please notify your local NRCS office.

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